

Claims 41 - 44, 46 - 54, 56 - 59, 70 - 72, 75, 77 - 80 are method claims corresponding, except for their dependency, to allowed apparatus claims 1 - 4, 6 - 14, 16 - 19, 30 - 32, 35, 37 - 40, respectively, now in the case. Claims 60 - 64, 66 - 69, 73, 74 and 76 are apparatus claims corresponding to method claims 20 - 24, 26 - 29, 33, 34, 36, respectively, of copending U. S. patent application Serial No.09/922,770, except that in claim 60, the final limitation on the spacer has been omitted and language taken from allowed claim 38 has been added. Method claim 45 corresponds to apparatus claim 55. Claim 55 is a combination of claims 1 and 38. Claims 65 and 81 are supported by the embodiment of Fig. 1.

In view of the above remarks, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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